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Majority prices in the major terminal markets were generally unchanged when compared to a week earlier. The undertone was mostly steady at prevailing price levels. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate with best interest into fast food outlets. Supplies were adequate for requirements. Offerings were slightly more available but still limited. In the parts structure, trading was reported as moderate for early week business. Overall, dark meat and tenders were in close balance. Other items were at least sufficient for trade needs. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were usually desirable.

Final Report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook ice-packed broiler/fryers (includes branded product) 18-APR-2005.

AREAS	US GRADE A		COMPOSITE		
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Boston/New Eng	TFEWR		:	69.05	34
Chicago	66.00-69.00	69.07	38 :	69.94	71
Ohio Cities	TFEWR		:	67.56	24
Denver	79.50	79.50	14 :	78.75	16
Detroit	68.00-70.00	69.82	11 :	72.06	53
Los Angeles	80.00	79.43	60 :	75.99	147
New York	71.00-73.00	71.52	25 :	71.36	52
Philadelphia	69.50-71.00	70.64	11 :	69.54	23
Pittsburgh	69.00-72.00	71.27	11 :	72.93	57
St. Louis	68.75-69.00	68.37	20 :	68.65	37
San Francisco	80.50	80.70	35 :	80.15	69

Composite Weighted Average

Loads	04/18/05	Change/Last Wk	04/11/05	04/19/04
583	72.77	-.45	73.22	76.53

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delv'd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AV	LOADS
Eastern	73.00-74.00	73.59	32
Central	69.00-76.50	71.17	71
Western	64.00-79.00	71.22	36
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent			
Mississippi	73.00-76.00	73.94	87

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 74.00 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,139	66.00-76.00	72.96

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	182.50	1,488
BREASTS - B/S	153.00	5,961
BREASTS - WHOLE	84.50	1,536
THIGH MEAT - B/S	98.00	1,069
LEG QUARTERS	36.00	7,769
WINGS	89.50	3,036

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NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was fair to fairly good entering the week. Offerings of all sizes were generally sufficient to well balanced for current needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was mostly fair. The market tone was steady to at least steady. In the parts complex, tenders and dark meat cuts were in good balance to well cleared. Breast items and wings were adequate.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was generally steady. Retail and food service interest was light to moderate. Supplies were usually adequate for trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was at least fair. Dark meat and tenders were still reported as in the best position. B/S breast were irregular, other items were clearing but sufficient. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices were unchanged. The market tone was about steady. Trading reported at mixed levels with regular commitments at unchanged prices and new negotiations at unchanged to lower prices. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate. Heavy weights were in the longest position and often discounted. Buying activity had improved particularly to cover anticipated feature activities. Retailer demand was moderate to fairly good. Dealers reported moderate weekend carryovers. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was 68.93 down 1.69 with the volume reported at 27 loads up 4 percent.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Majority prices into Central region terminals were unchanged from last Monday's final; Ohio cities TFEWR. The market tone was steady. Offerings were mixed for the light trade interest. Retail demand was moderate to fairly good, best where features a factor. Food service movement covered a full range, best into fast food and special events. Floor stocks adequate; weights desirable. Parts trade was active on dark meat items which were short of trade needs, white meat cuts were available. Trade sentiment on leg items was fully steady to firm; tenders and wings steady with breasts about steady.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fair to fairly good for post weekend fill-in needs. Seller offerings were adequate and in generally good balance for immediate delivery. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable. Processor schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 71 to 83 cents. Trade sentiment was at least steady. In the parts complex, supplies were adequate and clearing satisfactorily, particularly on the various leg cuts. Wings were attracting increased buyer interest and supplies were moving into a more comfortable balance.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	68-86
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	73.97
NO. OF BOXES	7,073

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was generally fair to no better than moderate entering the week. Offerings of boneless skinless breast were adequate to at least adequate; bone-in breasts were sufficient but clearing. Tenderloins were in close balance. Wings were adequate. Dark meat cuts were clearing satisfactorily. Retail and distributive movement was fair to moderate, best for scattered feature activity. The market tone was fully steady on tenders. Balance of items were steady to instances fully steady. ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	NEGOTIATED	CURRENT TRADING	WTD AVG	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S		148-153	152.92	499,160
TENDERLOINS		165-170	160.08	123,700
BREAST - WITH RIBS		82-83	90.44	137,920
BREAST - LINE RUN		82	82.83	73,400
LEGS		49-50	52.36	357,720
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)		36-37	36.61	362,440
DRUMSTICKS		38-39	39.97	191,960
THIGHS		41-42	49.73	88,480
B/S THIGHS		99-100	97.00	89,100
WINGS (WHOLE)		85-86	90.82	138,580
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)		10-12	11.90	11,880
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)		30-35	30.00	21,200
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)		55-60	58.54	19,960

INCL: NY CITY METRO, N. NJ, MA, CT, RI, AND PA (NE OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WT. AVG
BREAST - B/S	1,578	129.00-209.00	134-146	141.33
TENDERLOINS	619	155.00-208.00	155-167	162.51
BREAST - WITH RIBS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	975	32.00-33.00	-	32.47
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	890	35.00-40.00	36-39	37.07
WINGS (WHOLE)	615	63.00-101.00	70-83	79.93
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT	-	
THIGHS	1,462	30.00-43.00	38-41	39.23

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE (1,000)	ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WTS 04/14	ACTUAL (1,000) 04/11	AVG WTS 04/07
Alabama	4,127	4,017	5.19	3,917	5.21
Arkansas	5,479	5,398	5.08	5,290	5.08
Delmarva	2,212	2,257	5.59	2,170	5.45
KY-LA-TN	2,165	2,175	4.86	2,124	4.84
Mississippi	3,109	3,130	5.59	3,068	5.57
North Carolina	2,518	2,406	6.56	2,457	6.41
Texas	2,465	2,531	5.27	2,505	5.27
Total	22,075	21,914	5.39	21,531	5.36
Mon	22,075(A)			21,531(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 18-Apr 2005 is estimated to be 33,027,000 up 2.22 percent from a week ago. and up 8.6 percent from a year ago. (last week 32,309,000 last year 30,406,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	685	134.00-153.00	-	139.11
TENDERLOINS	225	162.00-200.00	162-167	168.07
BREAST - LINE RUN	179	80.00-86.00	82-85	84.38
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	509	33.00-37.00	34-35	34.17
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	990	35.00-38.00	36-37	36.53
WINGS (WHOLE)	307	68.00-94.00	86-88	85.95
WINGS (CUT)	396	86.00-102.00	99-102	98.98
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS
TRADING FOR APR 18, 2005 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
53.50 - 58.50	56.09	55.59

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 18-22-APR-2005. CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	135.00- 154.00	140.00 - 148.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	80.00- 106.00	84.00 - 89.00
LEGS	50.00 - 55.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	33.00 - 43.00	34.00 - 37.00
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	35.00 - 45.00	37.00 - 39.00
DRUMSTICKS	36.00 - 47.00	-
THIGHS	40.00 - -	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	73.00 - 99.00	87.00 - 90.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 23.00	-
LIVERS	30.00 - 35.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40.00 - 55.00	-

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	86.5-98.5
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	90-102
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	
FROZEN DUCKS	
FROZEN SQUABS	

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

FRESH FRYERS	97-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP	99-107
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	65-73
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK 105-107
ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK 105-108
	ICE PACK 108-111
	DRY PACK 111
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK 89-93
	DRY PACK 89-95
DUCKS	180-192

EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

APRIL 15, 2005
CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED — PRICES — VOLUME —
 (Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	19.25	18.25-28.00	448,000	208,000
WTD AVERAGE	19.25	23.13		
15-20%	17.50-30.00	18.50-30.00	1,874,000	1,434,000
WTD AVERAGE	24.72	25.68		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	19.00	80,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		19.00		

* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

APRIL 15, 2005
CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED — PRICES — VOLUME —
 (Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	29.00	26.00	60,400	-
WTD AVERAGE	29.00	26.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	29.00	17.00-28.00	998,800	163,200
WTD AVERAGE	29.00	21.19		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged to slightly higher when compared to a week earlier. Demand was at least moderate for the mostly adequate to at least adequate offerings. Processing schedules were noted as normal. Sales of finished product were fully sufficient for current needs. The undertone was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
 FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 18-APR-05

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9-15.5	11.5-13.5	12.66
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged to slightly higher when compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
 PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 18-APR-05

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8.5-15.5	11-13	12.31

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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